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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations
Room H-307, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting \$2,000,000 in funding for the City of Avalon's Pebbly Beach Road Revetment Repairs and Structural Improvements in FY23. The entity to receive funding for this project is City of Avalon, located at 410 Avalon Cyn Rd, Avalon, CA 90704.

This project involves the shoreline stabilization of a 0.75-mile stretch of Pebbly Beach Road. Over time, wave erosion has destabilized portions of Pebbly Beach Road within the project area. This erosion was exacerbated during the winter 2014 storm season during which Pebbly Beach Road and the existing shoreline revetment was damaged. While performing a detailed site survey along Pebbly Beach Road to assess storm damage, over thirty (30) large voids caused by wave erosion were discovered under the roadway. The roadway corridor (including sidewalk) segments over those voids with the potential to collapse are presently cordoned off to prevent public access. The project will also install large rocks as revetment to dissipate the wave energy through Sea Level Rise, which will cause the waves to be smaller and reduce erosion on the roadway or any infrastructure.

This project will drastically improve public health and safety for motorists, pedestrians, and cyclists along Pebbly Beach Road. Pebbly Beach Road is a critical arterial roadway that connects the industrial area that includes the Avalon Freight Terminal (the City's cross-channel freight that ships food, water, and supplies to Avalon), the wastewater treatment facility and other municipal infrastructure, utilities (electric, propane gas, and potable water generation plants), the City's only vehicle fueling station, landfill, household hazardous waste facility, heliport, and material sites for rock, concrete, and building products. Closure of this road from rock slides or continued sea level rise/coastal erosion would effectively cut off the City of Avalon from medical transport, food and water delivery, vehicle fuel, and supplies. The proposed improvements would extend the revetment surface approximately 30 feet seaward from the existing shoreline to stabilize Pebbly Beach Road; thus, avoiding impacts to the road subgrade associated with wave action during storm events and anticipated sea-level rise.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Alan Lowenthal". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "A" and a stylized "L".

Alan Lowenthal
Member of Congress